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SENATE RESOLUTION 104
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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. James Lester on the occasion of
his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
honor those Tennesseans who are celebrating milestones in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Lester, is one such individual who is richly deserving of the
special commendation of this body; he is retiring after 30 years of honorable service as professor
of English at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, a professor who has always adhered to an open door policy, he is also an
author of the best-selling book on writing research papers for twenty years, *Writing Research
Papers*, the 10th edition of which will be released in 2002; and

WHEREAS, this text and its companion, *Citing Cyberspace* are used nationwide in more
than 2,000 colleges and high schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester's exemplary career as an author also includes the publication of
Essential Guide to Writing Research Papers; and

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WHEREAS, while reflecting on leaving his outstanding career in education, Dr. James Lester observed, " I'm very comfortable with retirement. I think it's grand"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester was instrumental in establishing the College of Graduate Studies at Austin Peay as an autonomous unit with a full-time dean; and

WHEREAS, he is active in many community service activities; and

WHEREAS, as part of his retirement, he plans to help his wife, Martha Lester run for and be elected to a four-year term as President of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, truly a man of many talents, Dr. Lester will continue writing textbooks during his retirement, and he will also plan more activities with the Volunteer Seniors Golf Association, which he serves astutely as director; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and achievements aside, he is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Martha; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a man of James Lester's eminent stature walk among us, and it is fitting that he should be specially recognized for his life of purpose and commitment to Austin Peay University, and his students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Dr. James Lester our heartfelt thanks for his meritorious service to Austin Peay State University, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.